

News Review

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Thursday, November 27, 1997

Festival of Lights Offers Something For Greenbelters of All Ages

by Carolyn Price

The Festival of Lights, a month-long celebration of multicultural holiday traditions and events, will begin with the turn of a switch to light the tree Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Hosted by the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the tree lighting and opening ceremonies will include musical selections by the Greenbelt Concert Bands' brass choir and Christmas carols by members of the combined choir. Santa himself will help light the municipal tree. Refreshments will be served.

Have breakfast with Santa at a Community Breakfast, Saturday, December 6 from 7 a.m. to noon in the Greenbelt Fire Hall. The all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, sausages and beverages will be served by the Greenbelt Lions Club assisted by American Legion Post 136 and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. There is a discount for tickets purchased in advance.

Craft Sale

After the breakfast, on Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a Holiday Craft Show and Sale in the Community Center, a place to purchase last-minute gifts.

A children's Craft Room on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will

give preschool children a chance to create their own holiday gifts while their parents are enjoying the exhibits of more than 60 crafts people.

Celebrate Diversity is a brand new program this year. It is for children ages 4 to 12 to learn and create in the traditions of Hanuk-

Festival of Lights

Many exciting activities are planned for the holiday season. A complete listing of programs is included in this edition. Festival of Lights fliers are now available at all city recreation facilities. For additional information, contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200

kah, December 9, Christmas, December 10, and Kwanzaa, December 11. These after school programs are held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Parents should register in advance. There is a fee.

Santa Calling

Children from pre-school to second grade will enjoy chatting with Santa in the north Pole Calling program Tuesday, December 9 through Thursday, December 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents need to fill out a flier and return

it to the Recreation Department to register their child to receive a call from Santa.

On December 13 Santa will visit the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Children will receive a free picture of Santa.

Then from 12:30 to 2 p.m. pre-schoolers ages 3-5 can have lunch with Santa.

A Drop and Shop Elves Workshop will be held for children age 5 to 10 in the Youth Center December 14. There is a fee.

Holiday Food and Concerts

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present its traditional free holiday concert at the Community Center on Sunday, December 14 at 3:30 p.m. This will be followed by a holiday pot luck dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Also on December 14, 5:30 to 7 p.m. there will be a spaghetti dinner at Greenbelt Community Church. It will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by the Combined-Choir's free Christmas concert. This is an annual event where Greenbelt churches join together for seasonal hymns and song.

The Greenbelt East Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Bldg, The ERHS Choir will sing; a reception will follow.

The 33rd annual holiday road race begins at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday, December 27.

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Michael Vaccaro - 1997 Outstanding Citizen - Dies

by James Giese

Greenbelt's 1997 Outstanding Citizen, Michael Frederick Vaccaro died on Sunday, November 23. He had long suffered from heart disease and other health problems, although he continued to remain active in community affairs. He had appeared on a local television morning news show featuring Greenbelt only four days earlier (see article, p.4).

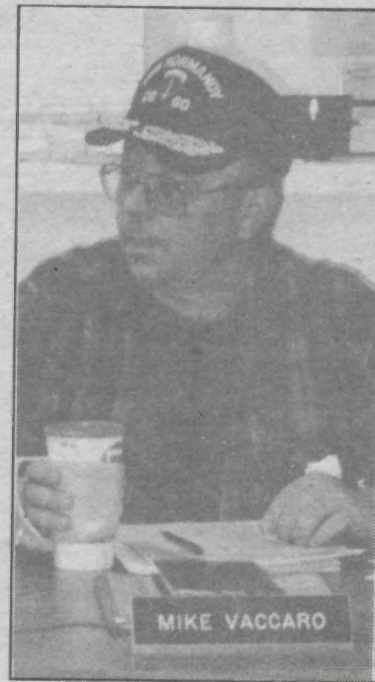
Mayor Judith Davis, who worked with Vaccaro on numerous Greenbriar and Labor Day Festival activities, said "Despite increasing pain and physical hardship, Mike continued to serve his community in so many ways. He never turned away from a job that needed to be done; he would do everything he could for the city he loved. Greenbelt and I have lost a very special friend."

At the opening ceremonies of this year's Labor Day Festival, Vaccaro received the surprise announcement that he had been selected outstanding citizen. Then Mayor Antoinette Bram described him as one who is "always working behind the scenes and waves off thanks and recognition" while continually distinguishing himself "as an organizer and planner of events for the good of the community" and "as one who always recognizes those in need and extends a helping hand..."

Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Edward Birner, in announcing his selection, called Vaccaro "a community person, dedicated to building, maintaining and promoting various organizations in the city, as well as being there with a helping hand for a neighbor in need."

Vaccaro was 52 years old,

having been born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 7, 1945. He obtained his B. A. degree from St. Francis College, Bedford, ME. His work career was with the



Michael Vaccaro

federal government where he worked for the National Science Foundation, the Law Enforcement Association and the Justice Department. He retired in 1983 as Personnel Director of the Civil Division as a result of a severe back injury incurred in an accident while at work. Many people who knew him were not aware of the intense pain that he suffered for most of his retirement years as his back continued to degenerate.

The Vaccaro family moved to Greenbriar Condominiums in Greenbelt in 1976 where he soon became active in community af-

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Positions in Desegregation Lawsuit Set Forth on First Day of Trial

by Mary Moien

Tuesday, November 18, marked the start of the latest trial surrounding the issue of school desegregation in Prince George's County, known officially as *Sylvester Vaughns et al. v. Prince George's County Board of Education et al.* The trial, scheduled to last at least three weeks, is being held at the Greenbelt Federal Court House. It comes 25 years after the beginning of court-ordered busing for desegregation in the county. U.S. District Judge Peter Messitte, presiding over the trial, is expected to decide the case by April 1998.

Since the original desegregation decision, the demographics of the county have changed radically, with the school system moving from a white-majority to a black-majority student body. In 1996 Judge Messitte ordered an independent panel to review desegregation activities in the school system.

To meet the demands of the court, students are bused to schools in areas removed from their homes; magnet schools have been established to attract white students to predominately black schools; and schools that could

not be integrated, called Milliken II schools, have received extra funds and teachers to make up for the lack of racial integration. All of these actions are designed to assure access to an equal education for black students in the county.

The issues remain complex. The county and the Board of Education are producing evidence to convince Judge Messitte that court-ordered busing should end and that with the changing racial composition of the county, along with all that the county has accomplished, schools are as integrated as feasible. The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is in agreement that much has been accomplished, but contends that much remains to be accomplished. It does not agree that the court should give up its oversight of the school system at this time.

Opening Arguments

The opening arguments set the stage for the trial and the issues to be decided. The Board of Education and the county were the first to speak. While the county seeks a full end to court-ordered busing, the school board

proposes a six-year phase-out plan.

Andrew Nussbaum, counsel for the board of education, reviewed the history of the court

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What Goes On

Wed., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Mishkan Torah Synagogue

Mon., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Council worksession on Greenbrook Estates, Trails, Easement, Municipal Building.

Thurs., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place.

Fri., Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Festival of Lights, Tree Lighting, Municipal Building

Sat., Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. Frances Hughes Glendening visits Greenbelt Library & Community Center

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 6 & 7, Annual Craft Show & Sale starting at 10 a.m. Community Center

Consumer Co-op Reports Best Sales Year Yet

by Leta Mach

Members of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative who attended the co-op's annual meeting on Saturday, October 25, in the Greenbelt Community Center participated in the annual elections for the co-op's board of directors, heard reports about the condition of the co-op and made suggestions for the future.

The terms of board members Dorrie Bates and Paul Rall had expired and they were up for reelection. The two were unopposed and unanimously elected to another term.

Treasurer Joe Timer noted that the fiscal year had been good. Total sales were \$7,703,571; operating income was \$133,924. Timer stated, "This is excellent in terms of the competitive market we're in."

The cooperative contributed \$23,297 of the income to employee bonuses, \$59,000 to members' patronage refunds and

\$31,627 to the employee retirement plan. The patronage refund will be distributed to members in December. Member sales were 71 percent of the total sales at the cooperative.

Timer also stated that the cooperative had a good debt to equity ratio, with 77 cents of debt for every dollar of equity. Many businesses, he explained, have more debt than equity on their books.

Manager's Report

The co-op manager, Bob Davis, added that total sales for the year were a record for the cooperative. He stated that "we met or passed all our financial goals. We put a lot of your money back into the store," he added, "to make the store better for you—the owners, the members and the customers."

Improvements have included new freezers, painting on the building's exterior and a rebuilt

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Letters

Thanks Greenbelt!

The members of St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus appreciate the generous contributions of the citizens of Greenbelt during the recent 1997 Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally handicapped. Our thanks also to the Greenbelt Co-op store, Greenbelt Safeway and NationsBank for their cooperation and use of their facilities during the drive.

Contributions collected in 1996 by the Knights of Columbus Councils of Prince George's County were presented to 26 local organizations to benefit their programs for children and adults with mental disabilities. Presentation of the 1997 contributions will be made at a later date.

John Tizol
Grand Knight

Thanks to Police

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Greenbelt Police Department for the extra police patrols during an unexpected power outage on Wednesday, November 5.

Our residents truly appreciated the personal and visible support of all the officers. Your effort paid off in that no crimes were committed during this emergency. Our congratulations to Chief Craze, Mike McLaughlin, the mayor and council on making Greenbelt a government that says "we can help." In today's world, it does not happen many times, but in Greenbelt it does!

Board of Directors
Greenbriar - Phase III

Lunch Help Needed

The Community Ministry of Prince George's County, a county-wide, religious agency providing services for low income persons needs volunteers for office support, data entry and computer word processing and assistance with daily noon, anti-hunger, meal program. If interested, call 301-499-2319.

Adventure Theatre Offers Dickens Tale

Adventure Theatre, in Glen Echo Park, presents "The Cricket on the Hearth," a Dickensian fable for ages four and up with warm and eccentric characters playing out a tale full of mistaken assumptions and passionate optimism, charmingly adapted from Charles Dickens by local writer Helen P. Avery. It runs through December 14, on Saturdays and Sundays, at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. For information and reservations, call 301-320-5331.

Greenbelt CARES

Liza Linder returned to CARES to resume work as office assistant.

An average of 28 families per week participated in regular, scheduled counseling during October. Fifty-two individuals were involved, 34% of them children and youth under the age of 18. Weekly tutoring sessions were held in a wide variety of subjects. Fifty-three students participated this month.

Steve Harper Resigns From GHI Board

by Hopi Auerbach

The following are the highlights of the November 20 meeting of the GHI Board of Directors. A more complete story will follow in a later issue.

Director Steven Harper announced that he is resigning from the GHI Board in December and moving with his wife to Baltimore. Harper said their decision to leave Greenbelt was made easy by the manner in which the GHI Board handled the special meeting it held to discuss pedestrian access in his court. He explained that he had insisted the Board handle the matter in his court promptly because the outcome would influence financial decisions he and his family were making. Harper then read a statement in which he levied specific accusations against the GHI Board and Audit Committee, and also accused GHI staff of making mistakes which he said resulted in the break-down of neighborliness in his court.

The Board unanimously accepted the 1998 budget, which totals \$7,120,854.00.

There was discussion of a member's request for a privacy screen at 2 Court Hillside. Final action was postponed so that alternative ideas for improving the curb appeal of the yard can be considered.

The Board made several changes to the requirements for participation in GHI's Fee Increase Deferral Program (FIDP) and Rehab Loan Deferral Program (RLDP) for 1998.

Arts Council Accepts Grant Applications

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) is seeking applicants for its fiscal year 1999 Non-Arts Organization Grant Program. Under this program, churches, libraries, community centers, schools and other not-for-profit organizations whose primary purpose is not the production or presentation of the arts can obtain funding for a wide variety of arts activities.

These grant programs are open to organizations that have been incorporated in Maryland as tax-exempt and not-for-profit before March 31, 1997, operate primarily in Maryland and have been in operation during the previous fiscal year. New applicants are encouraged to contact the MSAC to speak with the appropriate staff member before an application is submitted to ensure that they are applying for the appropriate grant and category.

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before December 5 or hand-delivered to the MSAC offices at 601 North Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 by 5 p.m. that day.

For application forms and additional information, interested persons may contact the Maryland State Arts Council at 410-333-8232, or TDD/TTY 410-333-4519.

Coaches Needed

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club is looking for a basketball commissioner and basketball coaches. If interested, please call 301-794-0100. A child will thank you!

Maryland-Made Films Promoted

Maryland moviegoers can share the pride of "Movies Made in Maryland" thanks to a sparkling new three-dimensional "bumper" shown at the beginning of feature films produced in the state.

The bumper, a promotional piece for a product or event that precedes a motion picture or television show, takes the viewer from a dynamic outline of the state into and through a cylindrical representation indicating "Movie Made in Maryland," and revealing a reel of film. The 18-second, computer-generated film concludes with a thank-you to Maryland citizens for their part in supporting Maryland's film industry. "Movies Made in Maryland" was commissioned by the Maryland Film Office, part of the Department of Business and Economic Development, and produced by Henninger Media Ser-

vices.

The "Movies Made in Maryland" trailer is currently being shown in Maryland theaters as a preview to the movie "Washington Square," a Hollywood Pictures release starring Jennifer Jason Leigh, Ben Chaplin, Albert Finney and Maggie Smith. In December, the trailer will be attached to the Universal Pictures release "For Richer or Poorer," a contemporary comedy starring Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley.

"By promoting the Maryland film industry to the Maryland public, we are acknowledging the important role the industry plays in our economy, as well as thanking the industry, Maryland citizens, businesses and others who have contributed to filmmaking in Maryland," said Scott Cohen, president of the National Association of Theater Owners of Maryland.

Co-op

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chimney. In the future, the co-operative will be remodeling the pharmacy. The co-op's new space, which used to be occupied by a consignment shop, will be incorporated into the plan. He added that the co-op also planned to offer more variety in natural and organic foods and an improved selection of deli and baked products.

Members had several suggestions for the co-op staff and board. In particular, they need more promotion of co-op membership. Bates responded that an effective marketing approach enlists members to spread the word about the co-op's benefits.

Before the meeting adjourned, ten members received door prizes, including gift certificates to the co-op, Greenbelt T-shirts, and the Greenbelt historic afghan.

Board Officer Elections

At the board's reorganization meeting on November 19, the following officers were elected: President, Jim Cassels; Vice President, Dorrie Bates; Secretary, Leta Mach; Treasurer, Joe Timer; Asst. Secretary, Bill Dent.

Beavers Again

The Greenbelt City streets crew has cleared the beaver nests from the drain pipes at the Lake park. One pipe was plugged solidly for more than 20 feet.

Plans Underway For Grad Night

An alcohol-free and drug-free all-night fellowship event is again being planned for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduating class. Parents, teachers, community leaders and 1998 ERHS seniors are working to make this a memorable and entertaining event. Grad Night, a growing trend in schools across the nation, provides a safe alternative to what has become, for some students, a tradition of dangerous drinking, driving and tragedy. ERHS has had highly successful grad nights since 1993.

Currently 700 seniors are in the class of '98; the planning committee's goal is to raise \$35,000 (\$50 for each graduate) to cover the cost of prizes, food, dancing, carnival games, sports and more.

Local businesses are being asked for donations of cash as well as give-away items, gifts, and gift certificates to offer as door prizes and activity prizes. Monetary contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to "ERHS Grad Night '98" and send to: Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night Committee, c/o Rena Hull, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.



ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, December 3, 1997
7:30 PM

Community Center Senior Classroom

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Continue Review of Green Ridge House Parking Request
5. Review Detailed Site Plan - Golden Triangle

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DEADLINES: Display Ads—10 p.m. Monday; Letters, articles and other ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI Board of Directors

Thursday, December 4, 1997, 7:30 P.M.

GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items:

GHI

- Review of GHI Satellite Dish Policy - Section XIIC
- Historic District Designation
- Expenditure Authorization for 1998

Board meetings are open to members



Angela Gray

Angela Gray to Sing Gospel at Arts Center

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center's gospel and jazz concert to be held December 6 features the multi-talented Angela Gray. Gray, who has performed with Whitley Phipps, the O'Jays and George Michael and the Washington Performing Arts Society's Women of the Gospel, also has theater and television experience to her credit. Her acting stops include "Bessie's Blues," "Where Eagles Fly," "Puttin' on Womanhood," "God's Trombones," and "Lord I'm Coming Home." Recently, Angela was a featured vocalist with Jazz Artist David Murray on the "Banlieues Bleues" festival in Paris, France. Angela's selections will include traditional numbers as well as more modern pieces but all convey her strongly held religious convictions through a beautiful and vibrant voice.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club will take place on Wednesday, December 3, at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Scheduled is the monthly business meeting and the election of the club's officers for 1998. The slate of officers is as follows: President, Irene Hensel; 1st V.P. Bill Souser; 2nd V.P. Irving Siegel; Recording Secretary Dolores Capotosto; Corresponding Secretary Pearl Siegel; and Treasurer Shep Odom. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Audrey Scott, County Councilmember, will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, December 10. The following Wednesday, December 17, will be the club's combined Holiday/December birthdays party and will be the final meeting for the year.

Come out to vote and join in the fun and fellowship at the meetings.

Parks Videos

View the video story of all 53 National Parks. Volume 1, "America's Adventurous and Majestic Parks," will be shown on November 29 at 12:30 p.m. and Volume 2, "America's Historic and Scenic Parks," will be shown on November 30. Meet at the Greenbelt Park's Ranger Station at 12:30 p.m. No reservations are required.



Anne Edgin Designs New Year '98 Logo

by GNY98

Anne Edgin has created the design for Greenbelt New Year '98 based on the bas carved-stone relief, Inspire Domestic Tranquility, on the front of the Greenbelt Community Center. She has roots here that go back to 1952 when her parents moved to Laurel Hill Road.

Anne's husband, Jeff, was born soon after his parents moved to Ridge Road in the '50s. Anne and Jeff, as newlyweds, moved to Plateau Place. They lived in Greenbelt for 14 years until moving to Bowie two years ago. Anne graduated from the University of Maryland with honors in 1982, and worked as a graphic artist for Heritage Art at the Town Center and then as an analyst for the Navy, until the birth of her first son. She home-schools her three boys under Valley Brook Academy and has prepared an art curriculum for their group classes.

GNY 98 sought Anne's help through Kevin and Carolyn Hammett of 11-B Ridge, who have been key people on the GNY 98 committee. Kevin is the chairman of CRAB. Carolyn, in addition to being Anne's sister, has contributed many ideas to the New Year's eve program.

The next meeting of the Greenbelt New Year Planning Committee is Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the community. Volunteers are still needed. Persons interested should call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 for more information.

Christmas Party Is Scheduled with Santa

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children 12 and under are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 13, at 1 p.m. in the Terrace Room. There will be a special guest appearance by Santa. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Parents may bring cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa. Admission is free, but RSVPs must be made by Thursday, December 11. Moms, dads and teens are needed to help with the event. Call 301-441-1096 to RSVP or to volunteer.

GHI Notes

Board of Director's meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 18. Meetings are held in the Board Room, and members are encouraged to attend.

The Board of Directors and the Historic District Study Committee will meet jointly for a work session on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Blood pressure testing will be done on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Architectural and Environment Committee will meet Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Christmas at Mowatt

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, will host a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2 - 4 p.m. There will be songs, crafts, gift making, stories, refreshments and a visit from Santa. The community is invited to participate. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of gift materials, but a discount is offered for early registration before Dec. 10.

For more information or to reserve a space, call Betty Kolbe Moore, 301-577-4673.

OPEN BOARD MEETING New Deal Cafe

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997
7:30 P.M.
Dining Room

Community Center
(Greenbelt)

Agenda to include:
Nominating of New Board Member

Governor's Wife To Visit Greenbelt

As part of Governor Glendening's program to encourage reading, his wife, Frances Hughes Glendening will visit the Greenbelt Library to read Children's Stories for the Holidays on Saturday, December 6, at 3:30 p.m.

Following the program at the library, local artist and teacher Barbara Simon will host a tour for Glendening of the 26th annual craft show and sale and the arts facilities in the Community Center.

Simon commented, "What makes the arts work in Greenbelt is community involvement, and the partnership between the community and government. Mrs. Glendening's visit is a chance for Greenbelt to express gratitude for state support of the arts, to say thank you, and to show off the many arts flourishing in Greenbelt."

Glendening is to give a press conference on December 12 reporting on her exploration of the arts state wide. Simon has been invited to speak at this press conference.

Greenbriar to Hold Annual Toy Drive

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks, in conjunction with the Greenbelt Lions Club, are sponsoring a toy drive again this year from December 1 - 19. Residents are asked to donate used toys (in good condition), or new toys. Toys will be distributed to underprivileged children throughout Greenbelt and children who are hospitalized. Drop boxes will be placed in the Greenbriar Community Building and throughout the complex.

For information call Tina at 301-441-1096.

Home & Garden Club To Hear about Birds

The Greenbelt Home & Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road. The featured speaker will be Mike Callahan of the Prince George's County Audubon Society and Bowie Wild Bird Center. Callahan is a naturalist and environmental education teacher and will discuss the Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. The Bird Count, held on December 20 this year, will mark the 55th consecutive year that the Audubon Society has sponsored this event. This activity helps assess the constantly changing bird population and provides a valuable indicator of the region's early winter bird populations. Participants can be experienced birders or first-timers. Volunteers are also urged to participate in a backyard, bird-feeder count as well to help expand the areas being observed. Members and guests are urged to attend and learn more about man's fine feathered friends. For information, call Diane Kremer at 301-345-5356.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, Dec. 3 - P.J. Storytime, ages 4-6, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 - Drop-in Storytime, ages 3-5, 10:15 a.m.

Tickly Toddle Storytime, age 2 and parent or caregiver, 11:15 a.m.

Glendening to Read

Maryland's first lady Frances Hughes Glendening will read Children's Stories for the Holidays on Saturday, December 6 at 3:30 p.m. There will be a reception hosted by Friends of the Greenbelt Library following the program. This event is free and open to the public.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF NOV. 26

BOOGIE NIGHTS R

Wed, Thurs: 7:30

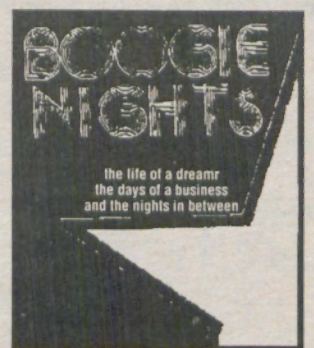
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Sun: (4:15 at \$3.00) 7:15

Mon: (All Seats \$3.00) 7:30

Tues, Wed, Thur: 7:30

<http://www.pgtheatres.com/>



JOIN The Grand Procession Wednesday Dec. 31st 6:00 PM -- til 7:00 PM Beginning @ ERHS and arriving at The Greenbelt Community Center til 1:00 AM Greenbelt New Year

Ticket Prices:

November 28th-December 26th
\$5 individuals 16 and over
\$3 ages 5-15,

Price after December 26th-\$2 more
(children under 5 admitted free)

Tickets can be purchased
in-person, by mail or by
phone (VISA or MC only)
For further information call:
301-397-2208

The Greenbelt Community
Center
15 Crescent Road,
Greenbelt MD 20770

New Deal Cafe

Open
Fri & Sat
7-11 pm



Music
8:30 pm
No cover

Friday 11/28 • OPEN MIC NIGHT
(Where anyone can happen!)

Saturday 11/29 • MIKE BALL
(Just plain good guitar and songs)

Friday 12/5 • RACHEL & JACQUI
(of BIG VILLAGE)

Saturday 12/6 • MIKE ELOSH
(music from down home to up town)

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Greenbelt Arts Center

An Evening of Gospel and Jazz featuring

Angela Gray and Company, Gospel
and
Formula 1, Jazz

Come join us for a relaxed evening of Gospel and Jazz
Guaranteed to help get you in the Yuletide spirit!!

Saturday December 6th at 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$8/ \$6 for senior citizens and students.

The Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)

<http://www.greenbelt.com/artscenter>

artscenter@greenbelt.com

For more information call (301) 441-8770

Channel 5 Features City On Morning Program

by Virginia Beauchamp
Michael Vaccaro, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 1997, appeared in that role, sadly for the last time, in an interview on TV Channel 5 early Wednesday morning, November 19. He died only three days later.

In the interview with Tony Perkins, of the early morning news team, Vaccaro talked of his work with athletic programs for children and how recently, following a period of illness, he found himself a spokesman for those physically challenged. In earlier years he was the city's Santa Claus during the holiday season; he said he was no longer able to take on that role, which required lifting little children into his lap.

Speaking animatedly about the quality of life in Greenbelt, Vaccaro recounted how many former residents still return for each year's Labor Day Festival and how the community still has "that small town feel."

Focus on Greenbelt

Those watching the early morning news would have seen that conversation, and interviews with other Greenbelt personalities, as well as video views of the city, as part of a continuing series on Fox Morning News that highlights individual communities in the Washington Metropolitan area.

The program on Greenbelt began at 6:30 a.m. with an introduction to the Greenbelt Community Center and an interview with Joe McNeal, supervisor of the Community Center. Later the regular news program was interspersed from time to time with segments on Greenbelt. McNeal talked about the variety of programs available to residents and neighbors from the surrounding region.

The sequence began, however, with the long view of Greenbelt — a clip from the historic film "The City," with shots of the original planned community, followed by a recent view of the art deco facade of the Community Center

building as it looks today. Inside the building, the camera panned the corridors, showing colorful murals, the work of some of the artists who rent space in the facility.

A later sequence, filmed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, included a brief interview with Dr. Gerald Boarman, Chief Educational Administrator. Several interviewed students talked enthusiastically about the tradition of Eleanor Roosevelt, for whom the school is named, and, for one, of her interest in the "greenbelt towns."

The entire sequence of vignettes and interviews was conducted by the Channel 5 reporter, who was impressed with the town's unique history — apparently unknown to him before this assignment. Later he conducted an interview with the city's new mayor, Judith Davis, whom he called by her preferred nickname, "J." Davis described the city's current resident population as 22,000, increasing to a population of 60,000 during the day as workers enter for a wide variety of employment.

Davis praised the city's concern with maintaining walking and bicycling paths, the attractiveness of the two lakes, and the design of the original shopping plaza, which continues to draw people to the Roosevelt Center. "Our heritage is greenspace," Davis said. "We want to insure quality development."

Pioneers

Another segment of the show highlighted several Greenbelt pioneers, including Norma Dealing, a member of the first family to take up residence here; Donnie Wolfe; Annie Halley; and Dr. Clayton McCarl. Sandra Lange, as president of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, also described some of the city's early history.

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Vaccaro

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fairs. He served first as building representative for his building, and then on the board of directors for Phase II and as its president. He also was a member and chairperson of the Greenbriar Community Association and represented Greenbriar on the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition. He was often the Santa Claus at Greenbriar's Christmas parties, until his health no longer permitted him to do so. According to Stephen Bupp, president of Condominium Venture, Inc. the management firm for Greenbriar, Vaccaro's leadership helped implement aggressive energy savings measures that resulted in reductions in condo fees, helped resolve water pipe, roof construction, and below grade foundation problems experienced by the condominium. Vaccaro was involved in the negotiations for Greenbriar land with the State Highway Administration for the new off ramp from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway onto Greenbelt Road. He was also involved in the establishment of a garden in front of the community building in commemoration of the city's 50th anniversary.

Vaccaro was active with the Catholic Youth Organization. He was instrumental in all aspects of the program - coaching, refereeing, directing, fundraising and obtaining the equipment and uniforms needed - according to Patricia Molden. He was particularly interested in developing and coaching athletic activities for girls. His family tells how in his last years as a referee, he would spend Saturday morning as a referee, go home and go to bed with pain which kept him there for 12 to 24 hours. He worked

with CYO in Greenbelt and in Hyattsville for 25 years.

Vaccaro was active in the Boy Scouts of America. He was co-leader of a Webelos group and an assistant scoutmaster.

He was also involved with the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. He and his wife, Gwen, served as co-chair of the Parade Committee and he often assisted with the carnival arrangements. He also worked at a number of fund-raising booths. Earlier, he served as a member of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee.

Michael Vaccaro was married to Gwen for almost thirty years. They had been planning to go to Williamsburg, where they had spent their honeymoon, this week to celebrate the event. He is survived by his son, Michael J. (Jay), and daughter Angela Vaccaro Beardon and her husband, Michael, and a granddaughter, Lindsay Beardon, all of Greenbelt; his mother, Betty Vaccaro, Silver Spring, a sister, Michele Berkowitz of Jerusalem, Israel and brother, Dr. Fred Vaccaro of Waxhall, N.C.

Viewing will be at the Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, on Friday, November 28, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, November 29, at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Burial will be at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.



OBITUARIES

Lori M. Beaird

Lori M. Beaird, 69, of Lakecrest Drive died Wednesday, November 19 after a long illness.

Mrs. Beaird was born in Peabody, Mass. She was a registered nurse, having graduated from Prince George's Community College School of Nursing. She worked in Prince George's General Hospital, worked in home care and was also a hospice nurse.

She is survived by her husband, John R. Beaird, children Glennis Reslock, Philip Beaird and Lisa Beaird, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service was held on Friday, November 21 at Greenbelt Cemetery. It was attended by her family and many friends.

She will be remembered for her outspoken personality, compassion for others and her courage and intensity.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, 6 Taft Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

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Council Okays Firehouse Renovation, Gives Check

by Virginia Beauchamp

At the regular Greenbelt City Council meeting on October 27, retiring mayor Antoinette Bram presented to Jay Remenick, President of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, a check for \$21,500 to be used in renovating the control and communications room at the firehouse. This amount came out of the \$75,000 set aside in the Fiscal Year 1998 Capital Projects Budget to assist in the firehouse renovation.

Council authorized acceptance of the low bid of \$17,800 by DRH, Inc. of Chesapeake Beach, Md. to renovate the room and another bid of \$3,700 from Lloyd's Communications of Forestville to replace the speaker system.

After it is renovated, the newly furbished room will be named to honor the late J. Paul Williams, Remenick said. Williams served with the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in many capacities during his long residence in Greenbelt. He was its first fire chief.

According to specifications in the bid submitted by DRH, the present ceiling, paneling, door and door frame, and floor tiling will be removed and replaced with new materials. New lighting fixtures and countertops will also be installed in the room.

Lloyd's Communications will revamp the speaker system throughout the firehouse, including intercoms and in-house speakers.

The firehouse was built in 1961, and its need for renovation has long been recognized. According to Remenick, this work is being carried out in phases, room by room. Currently the Fire Department is preparing specifications for renovation of the sleeping area.

The total renovation has been estimated by architect William Stratton to cost around \$150,000, on the basis that some of the work will be completed by the members themselves. This year's expected expenditures will constitute about half of that estimate.

At the city's 60th anniversary dinner, Governor Parris Glendening, on behalf of the State of Maryland, also presented a check to President Remenick. The amount of the state check was \$17,000, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's portion of a state allocation to replace monies many departments previously earned through authorized gambling on their premises, a practice that will no longer be allowed. Greenbelt's check will be added to a fund for purchase of a new pumper truck, Remenick said.

Cemetery Exception

Following a telephone poll by the city manager of councilmembers, council had earlier granted an exception to the code governing the sale of lots in the Greenbelt cemetery to the estate of J. Paul Williams. As a former resident and long-time employee of the city and active member for several decades of the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Williams was eligible to be buried in the cemetery. However,

because his family were not residents, their ability to purchase a lot depended on this special exception.

Other Actions

Council also approved a request by Capital Office Park for resubdivision of the parcel on which the first three similar and parallel buildings in the development were constructed. The request was made to simplify financing aspects of the subdivision. Although the three buildings are under the same ownership, their current financing agreements have been separate.

Council also agreed to a request from County Executive Wayne Curry to support by letter his nomination of the Anacostia River for Presidential designation as an American Heritage River. Under this initiative, 10 rivers nationally will receive increased federal attention for activities that protect their historic, cultural, recreational, economic and environmental value.

Council accepted with regret the resignation of Timothy Callahan from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Tie those Papers!

Residents are reminded that all paper set out for recycling must be bagged in a paper bag, tied with string or placed in a permanent container. The paper must be secured to keep materials from blowing through the neighborhood on windy days. Please ask neighbors who set out loose papers to tie up bundles or call the Recycling Department for a friendly reminder letter to be sent to that household. The Recycling Department can be reached by calling Jennifer Foley, Recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

Festival

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Throughout the season the New Deal Cafe will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m., offering coffee and desserts, with live entertainment that starts at 8:30.

New Year's Celebration

Everyone is invited to join in seeing in the New Year at the family-oriented Greenbelt New Year '98 celebration, the second to be held at the Community Center. This alcohol-free event starts New Year's Eve at 5 p.m. and runs until 1 a.m. the following morning, January 1, 1998.

New this year on New Year's Day — a Resolution Mile Swim for those age 16 and over at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Bike Given to Charity

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition presented a hybrid bike to the Washington-based Wheelers Not Dealers youth program on November 8. The bicycle was the grand prize in the bicycle coalition's annual Labor Day bike raffle. The purchaser of the winning raffle ticket had marked the ticket with instructions to give the bike to charity if his/her ticket were pulled.

Wheelers Not Dealers is an outdoor venture program for urban youth offering mountain biking, camping, and other activities. For the last three years, the program's participants have ridden in the annual Cycle Across Maryland bicycle ride.

Fight Depression

In dealing with most adversity, maintaining a positive attitude can make a difference. Dr. James Formally, a clinical psychologist, will discuss coping techniques. The free class is offered by Washington Adventist Hospital on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

Christmas Party For Seniors Set

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks senior citizens and their guests are invited to a Christmas party in the Terrace Room on Tuesday, December 16, at 1 p.m. Seniors will be treated to a light buffet and sounds of the season. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for this event should call Tina. Admission is free but RSVPs must be made (to 301-441-1096) by Tuesday, December 9, or the event will be cancelled.

Heart Attack Study

Men and women who have had a heart attack are needed for a nationwide research study of a currently available medication as a preventive treatment for future heart disease. Physicians at Doctors Research Associates have been selected to conduct the study in this area. Qualified participants receive all study-related care at no charge, including doctor visits, laboratory services, and study medication.

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The fall gutter cleaning program

The fall gutter cleaning program which was contracted out to "ALL-SEASONS GUTTER CLEANING" is well underway. By November 26th courts 55-73 Ridge, 1-9 Research, and 1-15 Laurel Hill will have been completed (weather permitting).

Locations that are scheduled from December 1st through December 5th are as follows:

- 2 through 22 courts of Hillside Road
- 1 through 12 courts Plateau Place
- all courts on Northway
- 41 through 53 courts Ridge Road
- 1 through 5 courts Eastway

Future updates concerning the locations for gutter cleaning during the week of December 8th through the 12th will be listed in the December 4th issue of the Greenbelt News Review. If you have any questions, problems or concerns please contact Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-0292.



Illiene Boawn, Jan Pavlis, Ladislav Povolny, and Jim Bates. Povolny and Bates are holding their copies of a picture taken in the 1880s; Boawn is holding a document with references to the mill in which her and Bates' grandparents were raised. Pavlis is Bates' second cousin. Povolny is the husband of Marie Povolny, another second cousin.

courtesy of Jim Bates

Greenbelter Finds Family, Friends in a Distant Land

by Julie Winters

Some people trace their genealogy through books and clubs and learn interesting facts about their ancestors. By traveling to his grandmother's homeland, though, Jim Bates made some fascinating discoveries and a friend for Greenbelt in the process.

Bates, of Woodland Way, first traveled to Dolni Ujezd, a village in the Czech Republic, two years ago with his wife, Frances. However, the Bateses' interest in genealogical research is long-standing. "We've been doing this for 25 years," said Bates. "It's fun, and it's addictive."

On that first trip, the Bateses did most of their research in the archives of Obecni Urad (the city hall), in the mayor's office. The mayor, Josef Kalvido, proved to be not only a gracious host but also an aid to their research. The Bateses had with them copies of photographs of a young man in a military uniform and of an old woman with a young boy and girl. These pictures were on postcards that had been sent in the 1910s or 1920s to a relative of Bates'. Kalvido introduced the Bateses to a man who had written about a mill where Bates' grandmother had lived while she was growing up. This man took one look at the photo of the man in uniform and said, "That's my grandfather's brother." The woman in the other photo was his great-grandmother. The stranger was Bates' second cousin.

The Bateses' newly found relative invited them to his home that evening. He produced a box of cards, saying, "I have a surprise for you;" from the box he took what turned out to be originals of the two photos the Bateses had brought! The group was able to determine that the man's great-grandmother had written the postcards to her brother, who was married to Bates' grandmother's half-sister.

Second Visit

The Bateses had made one amazing find but were by no means done with their work. So recently Bates, his wife, their daughter Peggy, and a cousin, Illiene Boawn, returned to the Czech Republic armed with more photographs of unidentified people. They gave advance notice of their trip, and people in the

village remembered them from the previous visit and knew of the families the Bateses were interested in. Still, the Bateses were unprepared for the strong desire of the people to help them in their research.

Luckily, the Bateses were willing to follow even unlikely leads, and this brought them to a thrilling discovery. An 87-year-old man they encountered on their trip urged them to visit a family in a village 10 or 15 miles from



Jim Bates and Mayor Josef Kalvido, holding the plaque from former Mayor Bram and the Greenbelt City Council.

courtesy of Jim Bates

Dolni Ujezd; he thought that the family might be related to them. Skeptical, the Bateses allowed the man to guide them to this family, bringing along a picture of a woman dressed in dark clothing, a kerchief over her head; the picture had been taken in the 1880s. They put the picture on the table in their hosts' home. Their hosts answered by putting a picture on the table. The pictures were identical! Bates learned that he had in common with this family his great-grandmother.

"The Friendliest Village in the World"

The Bateses have one more picture for which they need to identify the subject, and they hope to return one day to finish their research. Even without this incentive, though, it sounds as if the Bateses would be eager to return. "This is the friendliest village in the world," says Bates.

In fact, Bates was so grateful for the help and hospitality he received from Mayor Kalvido on his first trip that he wanted to acknowledge Kalvido in a special way. So when he planned this recent trip he approached then-mayor Toni Bram and told her of the wonderful response with which he and his wife had been greeted. Former Mayor Bram and the City Council provided a plaque expressing appreciation to Mayor Kalvido and the village of Dolni Ujezd for their great hospitality; in addition, they gave the Bateses Greenbelt pins to give to Kalvido, his council, and mayors of some of the neighboring villages. Bates was able to have the plaque translated, and he presented the translation to Kalvido in his office, along with a Greenbelt T-shirt.

The response of Kalvido was to shower the Bateses with gifts before they returned to the United States. He presented each in the party with a beautiful bouquet of flowers; he also gave them a short history of Dolni Ujezd in both English and Czech and some brochures, in Czech, featuring local attractions. In addition, the Bateses were presented with ceramics and other artwork that was produced by children of the village.

These gifts are but a hint of the warm treatment experienced by the Bateses. "These people are terrific," says Bates of the residents of Dolni Ujezd. How wonderful it must be to find the hand of friendship in a land one's family once called home and to find that hand extended to the city one now calls home.

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Illiene Boawn and Jim Bates holding a picture of their great-grandmother.

Celtic Weekend At Arts Center

A Holiday Celtic Weekend will take place at the Arts Center. Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13. This time, the holiday concerts will include two distinctly different performances. Friday night's concert will include more intimate groupings from the members (past and present) of the Homespun Ceilidh Band and Skye Gathering, who will be performing in twos, threes, and other small groups as well as the full 13-member Ceilidh Band.

The Saturday gala concert will feature the Homespun Ceilidh Band, Skye Gathering, and the Gaelic singing group Mac-Talla, as well as Greenbelt storyteller Jan Brenner. For the first time on stage Mac-Talla will tell and act out a story from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, in Gaelic and English. Both events will include music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Nova Scotia, the Isle of Man and Brittany, seasonal music and other Celtic favorites.

The Homespun Ceilidh Band is a Celtic big band including not only the usual fiddles, bodhran,

and guitar, but also flute, hammered dulcimer, cello, harp, viola da gamba, and bagpipes of various kinds. While the Ceilidh Band focuses primarily on foot-stomping jigs, reels, and other music, Skye Gathering, with fiddle, cello, harp, voice and percussion, turns more to the quiet side, with ballads, airs, and song. Mac-Talla is a group of Gaelic singers plus harp, fiddle, flute, and bodhran, singing mostly in the Scottish Gaelic language, with some excursions into Irish and Manx Gaelic, covering everything from work songs to laments.

The Celtic concerts nearly always sell out, so be sure to call 301-441-8770 and make reservations early.

Wait Till Spring

The Greenbelt City horticulture crew has planted 550 forget-me-nots, 5,200 violas and pansies, 750 daffodils, 1,900 tulips, and 3,900 assorted bulbs around town this fall. Spring should be beautiful in Greenbelt again!



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Our sympathy to Gwen Vaccaro and family on the death of her husband and their father, Mike.

Condolences to John R. Beard and family on the death of his wife and their mother Lori.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt Elementary School Science Bowl team, who won the first round against Oakland Elementary School in the Science Bowl competition but, after a good showing, lost the second round to Ardmore Elementary. Competing members were Kyle Benson (captain), Chris Wolf-Pitts and Jessica Teets. Alternates were Katie Massie, Daniel Gonzales and Matthew Schutz. Team member Melody Rogers did not participate because of illness. Science Teacher Carole Lubetzky and School Librarian Monica Pittman were team advisors.

Pushpa K. Arora, niece of Lekh and Suzanne Batra, visited them here during November. Arora is Principal of Schools (about 1,000 students in grades 1 - 10 and 20 teachers) at Patti, Punjab, near Amritsar (the home of the Sikhs' Golden Temple). During her educational study tour in the Washington area, she visited Greenbelt Elementary School, Nicholas Orem Middle School, St. Hugh's Elementary School, Sunday School at the Greenbelt Community Church, Holton Arms School, Rowan University, the Smithsonian museums, several nature study centers, Greenbelt Community Center, and other educational and cultural establishments. Since this is Arora's first travel outside India, she has learned much and enjoyed many novel experiences. After visiting her other uncle, Gopal Batra in Arizona, she will accompany her uncle Lekh to a scientific meeting in Paris, en-route back to her fam-

ily and students in Patti.

Henry O. Eniola was selected as one of Capitol College's national outstanding campus leaders and will be listed in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Eniola, a graduate of a foreign high school, is a senior pursuing a degree in electrical engineering.

Students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Selection was made by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory, which was first published in 1934.

The team from Greenbelt Middle School won third place in the Mass Driver and Mystery Event categories in the Final Frontiers Science Competition held recently at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The competition was sponsored by the Maryland Space Business Round Table to show students the relevancy of math and science.

Matthew Cunningham, a third grader at Greenbelt Elementary School, was honored at a ceremony November 20 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Matthew's entry "Reptiles" in last year's countywide Write-a-Book contest earned him a third place in the non-fiction category for second graders.

Melissa Morris, a fifth grader from Greenbelt Elementary School, was selected to participate in the Elementary Honors Chorus.

Third grader Joseph Lau from Greenbelt Elementary School was selected to play first violin in the county orchestra. He is the youngest member of the group.

Congratulations to all.

Former Greenbelt Recycling

Orange Ribbons Fight Hunger

In a national effort to fight hunger during the holiday season, Einstein Bros. Bagels and its 10,000 employees are teaming up with Second Harvest, the largest charitable food distribution network in the U.S. to raise funding

for and awareness of the hunger of millions of Americans.

For every holiday bagel bucket sold at one of Einstein Bros. 430 stores, located in 27 states and Washington, DC, between Nov. 17 and Dec. 31, the company will donate three percent of the retail price to Second Harvest National Food Bank Network. Furthermore, each Einstein Bros. employee will wear special "Fight Hunger" t-shirts, as well as orange ribbons (the national symbol for hunger awareness) on their uniforms. Stores will also display posters providing information about how to get involved with local food banks. In Greenbelt, Einstein Bros. Bagels is located at Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road.

The partnership between Einstein Bros. and Second Harvest marks the first corporate effort to promote hunger awareness nationwide using the orange ribbon campaign.

For information call Einstein Bros. at 301-345-2500.

Committee Chairman Kate Brett and her husband Kevin Enoch proudly announce the arrival of Cora on October 24. Mother and daughter are doing well. The family now lives in Beltsville.

The extended family and friends of Greenbelters Ron and Rae Brooks gathered for the dual celebration of their daughter Robin's Bat Mitzvah at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Saturday, November 22 and a surprise 80th birthday party for Rae's mother, former Greenbelt Elsie Forbes, which was held the following day at the Hunting Ridge Community Building. Congratulations to both!

Democrats Elect New Officers

The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club elected officers for the new year at its November 21 meeting. James Inzeo was re-elected president. Vice-presidents for each of the city's four precincts are: Konrad Herling (21-3), Emory Harmon (21-6), Kurt Walter (21-8) and Judith Davis (21-13). Roy Dahl is treasurer, Sylvia Lewis, secretary, Pat Unger, corresponding secretary, and Isaac Robinson, sergeant-at-arms.

The nominating committee consisted of Thomas X. White, chair, Betty Allen and Bernie McGee.

Technician Needed

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DESEGREGATION

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case. He described the changing demographics of students as well as of teachers. In 1972, black students represented 24 percent of students, compared with 74 percent in 1996. The county has made significant strides in hiring minority teachers; currently 38 percent of teachers are of minority races, compared with 13 percent of teachers nationally.

Nussbaum argued that a transition plan is appropriate for the court to approve without its giving up complete control at this time. He described four major issues that need to be resolved:

1. The board agrees that an academic gap still exists between educational outcomes for white and black students.

2. Many neighborhoods no longer have local schools that students can return to.

3. The concept of diversity is still a goal. The issue of neighborhood schools must be balanced with diversity.

4. Accountability of progress is a requirement.

The board proposed a six-year plan to complete desegregation activities and to return to unitary status, i.e., the county would have complete control over its school system. The plan includes:

1. A return to neighborhood schools of involuntarily bused students.

2. Educational programs to address needs of students who are not at grade level.

3. Continued diversity through magnet and Milliken II schools.

4. Accountability to document planned academic improvements and lessening of the academic achievement gap.

Thus the board of education seeks partial unitary status but not a total withdrawal of court jurisdiction. The county, however, seeks total unitary status, arguing that the court should completely drop its jurisdiction. Deputy County Attorney Sean Wallace, representing the county, stated that the panel report indicated that the school system has met the desegregation requirements. Wallace said that School Superintendent Jerome Clark will testify that it is virtually impossible to achieve a better racial balance in the schools, given the current demographics.

Wallace discussed the issue of recruiting more white students to magnet schools, indicating that increased expense will not increase enrollment. The county and the panel both feel that the Milliken II requirements of the court in the mid-80's have been met, according to Wallace.

The county's attorney also referred to the socioeconomic status (SES) of the pupils. He stated that when race and SES are accounted for, the test scores of Milliken II students are equal to those of other schools. Holding SES constant, there are no differences among drop-out and graduation rates by race, he said.

According to Wallace's data, the racial gap in test scores exists nationally, and the Prince George's gap is smaller than Montgomery County's. He intends to show that the gap brought on by SES exists at the time a student enters the school system.

NAACP

Patricia Brannan, an attorney for the NAACP, the plaintiff in this case, indicated that the case and the community are at a crossroads. The issue to be settled by the trial is the schooling of African-American children. In Prince George's County, the 1954 desegregation laws did not change segregation in the schools. It took the 1972 case to help bring about desegregation. The court has not been heavy-handed, she said, in monitoring Board of Education activities, allowing the board to work more or less independently. Brannan indicated that while the county is motioning for unitary status, and the Board of Education for partial unitary status, the plaintiffs are urging a modification in the court's control. In their view the school board has fallen short.

She then described areas where the school board has not met desegregation guidelines:

1. The board grants and denies thousands of transfers a year without regard to racial issues.

2. School sizes are increased without regard to the increasing size of racially isolated schools.

3. The board has not made sufficient effort to increase the numbers of white students in magnet schools.

4. Schools with higher numbers of black students have higher numbers of black teachers and vice versa.

5. Black teachers are underrepresented in secondary Advance Placement courses.

6. Black schools have teachers with less experience.

The plaintiff applauds the fact that the school system has increased the number of African-American teachers. However, the plaintiff claims that equitable access to education still does not exist. As long as there are disparities in opportunities, the court should maintain control, she argued. Their own evidence indicates that SES does not account for differences in test scores. The NAACP feels that expectations are not as high for African-American students. In addition, Milliken II schools have not lived up to expectations and need further study.

Vision of the Future

Most importantly, Brannan indicated, is the vision of the future of the case. She agreed that some areas of improvement have been made, including areas of overt discrimination. She questioned, however, whether the school board is committed to a desegregated future. Of 88,000 students who ride to school each day, only 11,400 (13%) did so in order to further desegregation. Sixty-seven thousand were bused for location only and 9,400 were bused to magnet schools.

The plaintiffs are willing to work with the board on decreasing the number of rides of black students to black schools. However, it is impossible to return many of these children to neighborhood schools due to lack of schools. The plaintiffs would not be willing to accept moving black students from racially-diverse schools to neighborhood racially-isolated schools.

In addition, she said, the educational plans of the board do not go far enough; plans need to be further expanded. Although the plaintiffs agree that court jurisdiction must end at some point, that point is only when

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the parties have secured a future for African-American students.

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GEAC Meeting Covers Wide Range of Issues

by Dennis Jelalian

After a layoff of a month and the stress of the election, members approached the November 7 Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting in a light-hearted mood with much humor and laughter.

Issues discussed included election results and the voting process, Greenbrook Lake and the trail system in the area, and the establishment of a memorial grove at Schrom Hills Park.

Election Results

GEAC Chair Sheldon Goldberg expressed concern that the voter turnout in Greenbelt was low. He suggested splitting precinct 13 into two precincts to make voting easier. City Councilmember Edward Putens suggested a possible change of the registration process to reduce the cost of campaigns. GEAC member Dorothy Pyles urged paying attention to the non-voters. Councilmember Thomas X. White said that only about 2,000 voted out of about 10,000 registered, and it's always the same 2,000 who vote.

There was some discussion that having some council meetings in different sections of the city would encourage voters to get involved. Mayor Judith Davis expressed support for this policy.

Greenbrook Lake

Goldberg remarked that the lake looked nice at the dedication. Dorothy Pyles complained that some people were not notified about, nor invited to the dedication. Davis said she would check into what happened. Pyles wondered what the lake would be called. She mentioned some of the names used for the lake, including Greenbrook Pond, and Greenbrook Ditch. Davis explained that the city has an established procedure for naming things like the lake. If for a person, it is usually one who was important in Greenbelt history and who is long deceased.

Charles Jackman, a resident of Greenbrook Estates, questioned what would be done about the easement needed to complete and interconnect the trail system in the area. Davis replied that the easements are part of the main trail plan, and the city will be discussing the plan in about a month. Jackman expressed concern over the loss of green space. Davis added that some people favor the trails and some are opposed, largely depending on how close or far away from the easement they are.

Memorial Grove

Pyles remembered all the hard work that Jack Davis did. Putens commented that there are many who deserve to be remembered. Putens recommended that the city council be asked to establish a memorial grove in Schrom Hills Park. One tree would be planted for each person so honored. GEAC members supported the idea.

Hanover Projects

There are still some lights out on Hanover Parkway north of 193. GEAC treasurer Charlene McAdams said the dark areas are unsafe for pedestrians, particularly at the bus stops on Mandan Road.

Goldberg and Putens both commented that the bollards blocking the entrance to Greenway Shopping Center from

northbound traffic Hanover Parkway are working well, and traffic in the area is now safer. Putens said that the shopping center was poorly designed; there was no overall traffic plan for the area. There are now lights at the entrance to Hunting Ridge.

The lights on Ora Glen are now working. Repair work on the 96" water main proceeds with no apparent problems. Greenbrook Lake is open, although all the landscaping will take about a year to complete, according to city horticulturist Bill Phelan.

WSSC has not given the city an easement to install street lights above its water main on Hanover Parkway. The lights will have to wait until this problem is resolved. McAdams reminded GEAC that street lights on Hanover Parkway had been promised two years ago.

There was some discussion as to what should be done about the entrance to ERHS on Hanover Parkway. The city made several proposals which were rejected by GEAC. The matter awaits a meeting between GEAC and Planning and Community Development. Pyles repeated her request for a police guard at the crossing.

Alarm Law

The city will enforce the county law on false alarms at commercial establishments. This law does not apply to private residences.

Kids Web Site On Internet

Maryland's Office of the Secretary of State has launched an Internet web page designed to be educational and fun for elementary school age children. The Secretary of State's "Kids' Page" offers children an ever-changing view of what makes Maryland unique. Information and hyperlinks enable young students in Maryland and around the globe to discover everything from interesting people and places to the time and weather.

NYL Care will remain in Greenbelt. However, it plans to build a new building in the Golden Triangle.

Bus Shelter

A new experimental bus shelter will be installed at Wintergreen Court and Ora Glen Drive. A few other such shelters will be installed in the city.

Road Projects

The state has proposed resurfacing Greenbelt Rd. from Hanover Parkway to MD 564. Another proposal would add sidewalks to Southway at Greenbelt Rd.

The next GEAC meeting will be December 4 at Windsor Green.

Be a Companion

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Prince George's County is seeking volunteers to be companions and to assist adults with disabilities on community outings. For more information, please call Steve Barish at 301-262-4993.



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"America Recycles" Comes to Greenbelt

Greenbelt participated for the first time in America Recycles Day on November 15. Mayor J Davis and Councilman Alan Turnbull participated in the reading of Greenbelt's Recycling Proclamation at the Recycling Advisory Committee information table at the Co-op, and the mayor drew the names of the winners of the prize drawing — John Henry Jones, Eleana Brooks, Anne Hutchinson and Rosa Skinner.

Also in honor of America Recycles Day, model recyclers were randomly chosen each day last week to receive prizes for having a clean recycling setout. The Grand Prize winner was the resident at 3 Woodland Way who received an Earth Machine Compost Bin. Other model recyclers receiving prizes included residents at 109 Greenhill Road, 8022 Craddock Court, 119 Hedgewood, 9-E Southway, 681 Damsel Court, 8 Olivewood, 2-C

Gardenway, 6-H Plateau, 7100 Mathew Street, and 4-G and 35-L Ridge. Prizes included movie tickets, clothing items made from recycled plastic bottles, T-shirts, composting videos, recycled content office supplies, a recycled steel recipe box and lunch box, and tickets to a Terps basketball game.

Many Greenbelt residents sent in their pledges to step up their own efforts to recycle and to buy recycled, and all of them are now eligible to win the national Grand Prize "American Green Dream House," a brand new, three-bedroom home built with recycled content materials (those under 18 can win a Disney vacation). The national drawing is on December 15, 1997.

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The Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra

Music and more music were the key words on November 14 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A fall concert hosted by the music department was presented in the school auditorium. Participating in the Friday night concert were the Concert Band I, Men's Choir, Concert Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Gospel Choir, and Wind Ensemble, in that order.

I guess gone are the days of just a band, and a choir. First, I have to say that the ERHS auditorium is a nice venue to hold a high school concert. It's a far cry from a smelly old gymnasium or the multi-purpose cafeteria.

The 7:30 p.m. concert started with the Concert Band I, directed by Sally S. Wagner. As with all the groups, the Concert Band played three pieces. They did especially well on a piece called "The Legend of Knife River." Wagner in a long gown was impressive as she led the black and white dressed musicians. Black and white was the uniform of the evening for all.

Let me go back to the three piece rule that prevailed. I suspect it just didn't happen by accident, but rather was a smart decision on someone's part. It helped to keep the concert moving and prevent the audience from becoming antsy. With six groups performing they could very easily have been there much longer.

Men's Choir, led by Dr. Barbara Baker, started out with "Poison Ivy," a number with the flavor of the "islands." "What Shall We Do with a

Drunken Sailor," a traditional men's group song seemed to not have much of the lower sounds that a bass can give. Sea chanteys and such usually work off of the higher range, but a good dark rich bass sets the pace for any men's group. All members blended well together.

Scott Laird then took center stage to lead both the Concert Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra to finish the first half of the evening's performance. When Laird stood at the microphone to introduce the pieces, I did a double take because from the balcony he doesn't look much older than his students. Maybe I need a new pair of glasses! Having one orchestra follow another gives the audience the chance to contrast and compare.

The concert orchestra led off first. "The Gypsy Rover," "Appalachian Sunrise," and "Waltz from 'Sleeping Beauty'" were the three numbers. "Appalachian Sunrise" was written by Gazda, a woman who is from this area and is a friend of Laird's. The waltz Sleeping Beauty is a familiar tune that everyone would recognize and the orchestra seemed very comfortable with it.

Mozart's "Symphony No. 40 in G. Minor" began the chamber orchestra's performance. A difficult piece that is to be played Allegro Molto, as in lively or rapid tempo. Under Laird's baton, the musicians have good clarity and a sense of the dynamics. ("Those that can't play good play loud" wouldn't work here.) All the groups had a sense of musicality — that can't always be said, especially among younger or



On November 8, the last remaining representatives of the St. Hugh Council competed in the Knights of Columbus State Shoot, Kick, and Throw Competition. Michael Bistany, Kassandra Winfrey, and Mindy Thomas all gave it their best shot after sweeping through the Council and District Competitions earlier this fall. The local competition had 28 kids come out. Shown here are: L. to R., Front Row - Stephen Kimble, Kyle Yancey, Jessica Burton, Michelle Burroughs and Joe Solari; Second Row - Jesse Crowley, Wesley Hilliard, Paul Lemieux, Paolo Cocchiaro, Greg Bistany, Erin Cocchiaro, Luke Mihalovic, Eric Williams, Annie Lemieux, Deron Burton and Brian Anyadike; Back Row - Michael Bistany, Lucas Crowley, Alex Mihalovic, Harrison Hilliard, Katherine Kimble, Amanda Winfrey and Kassandra Winfrey. Not Pictured - Mindy Thomas, Guinevere Granite, Amanda King, Jerriann King and Kathryn Markowich.

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more inexperienced performers. **Total Praise**

Following a brief intermission the Gospel Choir took the stage. With Dr. Baker in charge they led with "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood. The program lists 78 members and Dr. Baker does an excellent job keeping the group on their toes. "Be Encouraged" featured Andre Plummer, Andrea Stanley, and Alvin Rodney as soloists. A great job to all three. Dr. Baker had the Gospel Choir and the audience feeling inspired by the end of their segment. As an extra attraction, three girls did very expressive signing while the choir sang. A very nice and interesting touch.

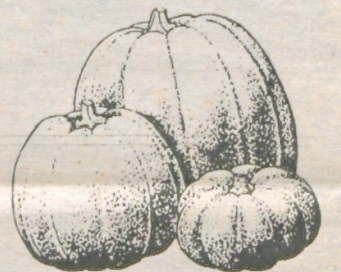
Finishing the evening was the Wind Ensemble, directed by

Sally S. Wagner. An eye opening start had the ensemble playing "Purgatorio" from the Divine Comedy by Robert W. Smith. At one point in the piece the composer has the musicians moaning and stomping their feet to simulate the march to purgatory. It was devices like that that sure got my attention. "Amazing Grace" had the trumpets sound like bagpipes, this particular arrangement was in the style of Glen Gould. The last number of the evening was "Songs of Sailor and Sea." Using five percussionists playing everything from timpani to Chinese gong, the ensemble pulsed and created rhythmic melodies. With that, I look forward to the Winter Concert.

As always, if you missed it — maybe next time.

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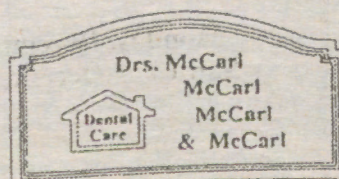


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Armed Robbery

Nov. 16, 4:56 p.m., 7700 block of Ora Court. Two juveniles were playing basketball when they were approached by three youths. One was holding a green paper mask over his face and pulled a silver colored semi-automatic handgun out of his jacket. He ordered the victims not to move and then grabbed the victims' jackets, which were on the ground. The three youths then fled on foot toward Ora Glen Drive and then toward Matthew Street. The armed youth is described as a black male, 14 - 16 years of age, wearing a green jacket with black stripes and blue jeans.

Assaults

Nov. 14, Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive. An Eleanor Roosevelt High School student reported that when he got off the school bus, he observed three young females fighting.

Hotline on Drugs

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He broke up the fight and then while he was walking home, he noticed a group of approximately ten teenage males following him. The group ran toward him and began beating him. Two citizens stopped the assault and took the victim home. The victim suffered a cut lip, bruises, and an injury to his ankle. The incident was not reported to the police until the following Monday afternoon. Investigation is continuing.

Nov. 17, 10:56 p.m., 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, officers received a report of a domestic assault. Investigation revealed that the victim had been struck in the face with an open hand by her boyfriend. The suspect, a 27-year-old resident at the same address, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released on personal recognizance pending trial.

Nov. 17, 11 p.m., also in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, officers responded to a residence for a complaint of a violent domestic dispute. Investigation revealed that the victim had been pushed, grabbed, and shoved against a wall by her boyfriend. The suspect, a 30-year-old resident at the same address, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released on personal recognizance pending trial.

Nov. 20, 12:32 a.m., 100 block Westway. Officers responded to an assault reported to have just occurred. The victim advised that she braided a

person's hair and that an argument ensued over the fee. The customer became angry and pointed a handgun at the victim while verbally threatening her. A second individual present during the incident calmed the man down and then left the residence with him. The suspect is described as a black male, 24 years of age, 5' 10" and 150 pounds, with black hair and black eyes. He was last seen wearing all dark clothing. Investigation is continuing.

Drugs

Nov. 14, 11:25 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A Beltway Plaza security officer observed two juveniles consuming alcoholic beverages in the rear parking garage stairwell. When he approached the juveniles, they fled on foot. The security officer chased and caught one of the juveniles; the juvenile struck the officer several times in an attempt to escape. A 17-year-old resident male was arrested for assault and possession of an open alcoholic beverage. The juvenile was released to the custody of his case manager pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Nov. 20, 6900 block of Hanover Parkway. An officer stopped a vehicle with an equipment violation and the driver provided the officer with fraudulent information and documents. While interviewing the driver, the officer saw drug paraphernalia lying on the passenger side floorboard. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and false statements to a police officer. Because his true identity could not be established, the driver was charged as a John Doe. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on bond pending trial.

Thefts

Nov. 15, 172 Westway. A blue trick BMX bike that had been reported stolen on Nov. 12 was reported recovered by the victim. The bike was found undamaged on Nov. 13 in some bushes near 172 Westway.

Nov. 18, 8000 block of Lakecrest Drive. A woman's green Cambridge brand 18-speed mountain bike was reported stolen from the balcony of a residence.

Nov. 18, 100 block Rosewood Drive. A burglary at a residence was reported. Entry was gained by breaking a window on the lower level of the residence. Jewelry and currency were taken.

Nov. 18, Beltway Plaza. A theft was reported at Jeepers!. The thief pried open the coin boxes on two games and fled with an undetermined amount of tokens. He is described as a black male, 14 - 16 years of age, wearing a red/blue Adidas jacket and blue denim pants.

Nov. 19, 5000 block Springhill Lane. An officer responded for a report of a theft. The victim, a cab driver, advised that a counterfeit one hundred dollar bill was used to pay a fare. The victim did not discover the crime until later.

Vehicle Thefts and Vandalisms

Nov. 14, 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A white, cherry-black 1990 Chrysler LeBaron convertible, MD tag ANV-129, was reported stolen.

Nov. 14, 7200 block Ora Glen Drive. A 1984 Chevrolet El

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Camino was reported stolen. The owner did not know it was stolen until an officer recovered it after responding to a complaint of an abandoned vehicle in the roadway near where the vehicle had been parked. The vehicle was not driveable when it was recovered, and it was released to the owner at the scene.

Nov. 15, 2 Court Westway. A gray 2-door 1984 Volkswagen Jetta, MD tag DWC-266, was reported stolen.

Nov. 18, Greenway Shopping Center. An emerald-green Jeep Cherokee Sport, MD tag M041316, was reported stolen.

Nov. 19, a 1980 Pontiac Bonneville that was reported stolen on Nov. 14 from the 7900 block of Mandan Road was recovered near the intersection of Fourth and Xenia Streets in Washington, DC, by the Metropolitan Police Department. No arrests were made.

Nov. 19, 7700 block Belle Point Drive. A metallic blue 1993 Cadillac Seville 4-door, MD tag DRL 727, was reported stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 8000 block Lakecrest Drive, 22 Court Ridge Road, 56 Court Ridge Road, and 6100 block of Springhill Drive.

Local Police In "Iron Dog"

On November 1, three Greenbelt police officers took part in the Annual Iron Dog Competition. The contest was held in rural Stafford County, Virginia. This competition takes a canine officer and his partner (a police dog) through their paces. The contest is a three and one half mile foot race, through a course that encompasses difficult terrain for both the two-legged and four-legged officers. Different skills are tested both for the handler and the canine. Phases of the race included obstacles, suspect dog tracking, a dog carry (an 80 to 100 pound dog can get heavy) for approximately 100 yards, and a boat trip for dog and handler through a water obstacle.

Officer Bob Musterman and his partner, Max, finished in fifth place and brought home a trophy. Their time was thirty minutes and thirty-five seconds. Musterman and Max were the final canine team to win a trophy. It was discovered after the race that Musterman had broken his ankle halfway through the course, but continued on to win the fifth place trophy.

Officer Mike Lanier and his partner Orrin with Officer Jerry Potts and his partner Tony finished after Musterman.

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Dystonia Support

The Greater Washington Dystonia Support Group will meet on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. in NIH Building 31C, 6th floor, Conf. Rm. 10 in Bethesda. Dr. Stephen E. Grill, a neurology specialist on the staff at Johns Hopkins University, will discuss various new medications for this neurological disorder which causes involuntary muscle contractions. He will also report on topics discussed at the recent Mid-Atlantic Symposium.

For additional information contact Jules Balog at 301-776-6747.

Guarneri Quartet Open Rehearsal

On Wednesday, December 3, at 5 p.m., the University of Maryland School of Music will present an open rehearsal by the Guarneri String Quartet, in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For information call 301-405-1150.



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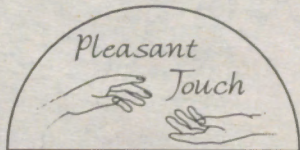
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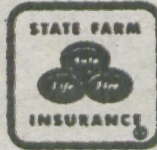
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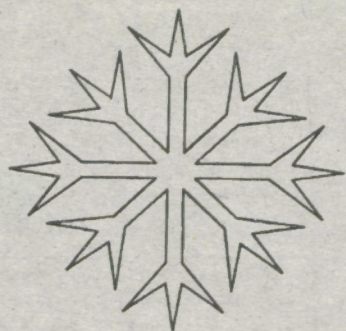
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Twenty-sixth Annual Festival of Lights Greenbelt Recreation Department

25 Crescent Road
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(301)397-2200 * Recorded Info: (301)474-5525

The Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held throughout the month of December. Regardless of the origin of our individual customs and traditions, we welcome the participation of everyone in our community. Come celebrate together as family, friends and neighbors in the spirit of this special season and the Festival of Lights.

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OPENING CEREMONIES AND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 5, 7:00pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building

All ages welcome. FREE.

Enjoy seasonal selections by the Greenbelt Concert Band's brass choir and the Greenbelt Combined Choir. Santa will help light the tree. Refreshments.

Hosted by: The City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 6, 7:00am-12:00noon
Greenbelt Fire Hall

Advance sales: \$4.00/adult, \$2.00/ages 6-12

At the door: \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/ages 6-12

All you can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages. Information: Joe Wilkinson 474-6893.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with American Legion Post #136 and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & SALE

CHILDREN'S CRAFT ROOM (Saturday only)

Saturday, December 6, 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, December 7, 11:00am-4:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

All ages welcome. FREE.

Over sixty craftspeople will exhibit handicrafts. Children, pre-school and over can create holiday crafts while parents shop, 10am-2pm. Concession provided by Greenbelt Arts Center.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Tuesday, December 9, 4:30pm-5:30pm (Hanukkah)

Wednesday, December 10, 4:30pm-5:30pm (Christmas)

Thursday, December 11, 4:30pm-5:30pm (Kwanzaa)

Greenbelt Youth Center

Ages 4-12. \$2.00/workshop.

Register in advance for this new and informative kids program. Learn and create in the holiday traditions of Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department.

NORTH POLE CALLING

Tuesday, December 9-Thursday, December 11

5:30pm-7:30pm

Ages: pre-school - second grade. FREE.

Chat with Santa. Complete and return flier to recreation office by December 5. Fliers available at city recreation centers.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

SANTA'S VISIT

Saturday, December 13, 10:00am-12:00noon

Greenbelt Youth Center

Ages: pre-school and up. FREE.

All children will receive a picture with Santa.

Bring a blank VHS tape and have the visit recorded on video.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

PRE-SCHOOL LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 13, 12:30 - 2:00pm

Greenbelt Youth Center

Ages: 3 - 5 (must be potty trained). \$5.00/child.

Register in advance for lunch and craft making.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

DROP & SHOP ELVES WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 14, 10:00am-4pm

Greenbelt Youth Center

Ages: 5 - 10. \$12.00/child.

Register in advance to have a kids-free, last minute holiday shopping day. We'll keep the kids busy with holiday craft making and fun activities. Bring a lunch with drink!

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

* Lions Club Toy Drive

New (unwrapped) toys will be accepted November 22-December 24 at the following locations: Center Court - Beltway Plaza, all city recreation facilities, Giant, Safeway, Maryland Federal Savings & Loan, Greenbriar Community Building, Hunting Ridge Community Building, CO-OP Grocery Store, Windsor Green Community Building, Independence Court, and the gift wrap booth at Beltway Plaza.

Donations will be distributed to needy children.

Information: Joe Wilkinson 474-6893.

* Greenbriar and Glen Oaks Residents

December 7, 1:00pm: Decorate the Community Building

December 13, 1:00pm-3:00pm: Children's Party With Santa, RSVP!

December 16, 1:00pm: Christmas Party for Seniors, RSVP!

December 31, 9:00pm: New Year's Eve Party, RSVP!

Information: Tina Murphy 441-1096

HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH THE GREENBELT CONCERT BAND

Sunday, December 14, 3:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

All ages welcome. FREE.

Catch the holiday spirit with this musical tradition!

Hosted by: Greenbelt Concert Band and Greenbelt Recreation Department

HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday, December 14, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

All ages welcome. FREE-bring a dish to share.

The perfect follow up to an afternoon concert... share dinner with your neighbors. Information:

Janet Parker 474-6668 or

Esther Webb 474-6890.

Hosted by: Gray Panthers and Greenbelt Recreation Department

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND COMBINED CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 14, 5:30pm-7:00, 7:30pm (concert)

Greenbelt Community Church

All ages welcome. \$5.00/adult. \$3.00/ages 6-12

All you can eat spaghetti followed by free concert.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Community Church

GREENBELT EAST TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 14, 7:00pm

Greenbriar Community Building

All ages welcome.

Entertainment by ERHS choir, reception will follow. Information: Tina Murphy 441-1096

Hosted by: Greenbriar Community Association

33rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY ROAD RACE

Saturday, December 27, 10:00am

Greenbelt Youth Center

All ages welcome. Registration fee.

Choose 20 mile, 10 mile. Information: 717-2820.

Hosted by: DC Road Runners Club and Greenbelt Recreation Department

GREENBELT NEW YEAR '98

Wednesday, December 31-Thursday, January 1

6:00pm-1:00am

Greenbelt Community Center

Advance sales 11/28-12/26: free/0-4, \$3/5-15, \$5/16+

After 12/26: free/0-4, \$5/5-15, \$7/16+

End up '97 and start '98 with a family oriented, non-alcoholic New Year's celebration. This party offers something for everyone...definitely a don't miss event!

Hosted by: Greenbelt New Year Committee and Greenbelt Recreation Department

RESOLUTION MILE SWIM

Thursday, January 1

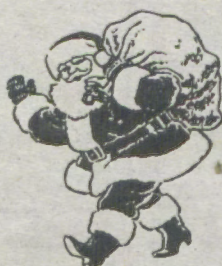
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Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

Ages: 16+. Registration required, fee.

Get the new year off to a great start with a hearty swim.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department



HOLIDAY HOURS: Greenbelt Recreation Facilities

| | GCC | GAFC | YC/SHLRC |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday, November 27: | 9:00am-5:00pm | 8:00am-8:00pm | 12:00noon-10:00pm |
| Wednesday, December 24: | 9:00am-5:00pm | 6:00am-6:00pm | 12:00noon-5:00pm |
| Thursday, December 25: | 12:00noon-5:00pm | 12:00noon-8:00pm | 12:00noon-5:00pm |
| Wednesday, December 31: | 9:00am-6:00pm | 6:00am-6:00pm | 12:00noon-5:00pm |
| Thursday, January 1: | 12:00noon-5:00pm | 12:00noon-8:00pm | 12:00noon-10:00pm |



GCC-Greenbelt Community Center
YC-Youth Center

GAFC-Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
SHLRC-Springhill Lake Recreation Center



* New Deal Cafe

At the Greenbelt Community Center, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00pm-11:00pm. Stop in for live entertainment, decadent desserts and a great cup of coffee.

Entertainment begins at 8:30pm.



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